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Administrator,

Next week Henry Darwin will be visiting the EPA RTP campus to follow up with teams involved in the Office of Air and Radiation (OAR) and Office of Research and Development (ORD) pilot EPA Lean Management System (ELMS) rollout. On the morning of May 7th, Henry will meet each of the RTP-based ORD process owners and their respective visual boards.

The E-Enterprise Leadership Council Meeting

The E-Enterprise Leadership Council (EELC) Meeting will be held [HYPERLINK "x-apple-data-detectors://0"] in Phoenix, Arizona. ORD will be participating via teleconference in the session on “Emerging Environmental Threats and Early Work on Risk Communication” led by Nancy Grantham (OPA). During this session, a status update will be provided on the ongoing EPA/state/tribal coordination on emerging environmental threats. Discussions will focus on proposed options and next steps to support collective risk communication efforts, including potential connections with the new EPA workgroup on risk communication.

Hot issues

EPA Hosts Webinars on Release of Real-Time Geospatial Data Viewer (RETIGO)

EPA recently hosted four webinars as part of the release of the new version of the [HYPERLINK "http://www.epa.gov/retigo"]. Participants from EPA, other federal agencies, schools, and state and local governments learned about RETIGO’s enhancements such as new options for merging meteorological and air quality data for comparison. RETIGO is a free, publicly available, web-based tool for exploring environmental data collected from stationary and in motion sensors (e.g., air quality sensors added to a bike).

PFAS Grant Announcement

This week EPA announced funding for two grants under the [HYPERLINK "https://cfpub.epa.gov/ncer_abstracts/index.cfm/fuseaction/display.rfatext/rfa_id/640"] Request for Applications. The grants, totaling approximately \$3.9 million, support research that improves understanding of human and ecological exposure to Per – and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) in the environment. This research is expected to inform better planning and decision-making to prevent future

PFAS exposures and adverse health effects. The research will also promote a greater awareness of how to restore water quality in PFAS-impacted communities. The two recipients include:

- [[HYPERLINK "https://cfpub.epa.gov/ncer_abstracts/index.cfm/fuseaction/recipients.display/rfa_id/640/records_per_page/ALL"](https://cfpub.epa.gov/ncer_abstracts/index.cfm/fuseaction/recipients.display/rfa_id/640/records_per_page/ALL)], Golden, Colo., to research the fate, transport, bioaccumulation, and exposure of a diverse suite of PFAS in nationally representative PFAS impacted communities.
- [[HYPERLINK "https://cfpub.epa.gov/ncer_abstracts/index.cfm/fuseaction/recipients.display/rfa_id/640/records_per_page/ALL"](https://cfpub.epa.gov/ncer_abstracts/index.cfm/fuseaction/recipients.display/rfa_id/640/records_per_page/ALL)], Corvallis, Ore., to study the toxicity of a large collection of PFAS and PFAS mixtures with the zebrafish assay and mice studies to identify toxic PFASs that require prioritization for risk management.

ORD Supporting EPA Region 2 and New York City with Planning for a Wide-Area Biological Incident

This week, ORD researchers are participating in a EPA Region 2 and New York City Technical Working Group (TWG) supporting planning and preparedness work following a biological incident. The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) is sponsoring a 1 – day workshop with the TWG members. The TWG consists of subject matter experts from key local, state and federal agencies that will advise DOHMH on issues related to environmental remediation operations, including but not limited to, sampling, decontamination, waste management, clearance and re-occupancy. The purpose of this workshop is to bring together the core TWG members to determine how the group will function in planning and response.

Wikipedia linking to CompTox Chemistry Dashboard

Wikipedia ChemBoxes and DrugBoxes are now linking directly to ORD's CompTox Chemistry Dashboard. When you visit a Wikipedia drug or chemical page, and look at the summary box to the right, you will see the in-link if we have an associated chemical mapped in the Dashboard.

Technical Support: Corrosion Control in Pittsburgh, PA

ORD has been invited to participate on a weekly call with the City of Pittsburgh to discuss the City's corrosion control issues. ORD's role on these calls is to provide technical support and help review sampling data. ORD has been providing ongoing technical support, including reviewing the City's corrosion control plan and analyzing lead pipe sections.

CyAN Team Award

Last week, EPA's [[HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/water-research/cyanobacteria-assessment-network-cyan"](https://www.epa.gov/water-research/cyanobacteria-assessment-network-cyan)] (CyAN) Team won the Mason Hewitt Award for Excellence in GIS for developing the CyAN mobile app. The app delivers satellite data that can be used as actionable information by water quality managers. It is currently being used by all 10 EPA Regions and EPA's Office of Water and is available to 31 States. The Mason Hewitt Award is an annual award given to the for the best EPA GIS project, as selected by the EPA GIS Workshop participants.